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STRIKE FORCE: The Walkers Crisps ad featuring Gary Lineker and Frank Lampard has proved a massive internet hit

■ BY NICK AMES

IT HAS become a legendary three days in Sandwich – Premiership ace Frank Lampard plays five-a-side football, Baywatch babe Pamela Anderson pulls pints, world-champion driver Jenson Button drives a cab and pop stars JLS rock the local college.

Now the Walkers Crisps advertisement filmed in the town is an internet phenomenon – the first to receive one million hits online.

As well as being screened across all ITV's regions, the advert – which features celebrities turning up in random but appropriate roles to the astonishment and delight of locals – has been a massive worldwide hit.

Also involved were Walkers poster boy and TV sports-show host Gary Lineker, chef Marco Pierre White, who gave cookery classes, and comedian Al Murray, who hosted a pub quiz.

The campaign focused on the town because of its name and has the slogan "Make Sandwich More Exciting".

It then promotes the idea of a pack of crisps and a sandwich as the ideal midday snack.

Lineker said: "It's been extraordinary. It's a strange concept but one that seems to have gone down well."

"When it came to location there was only one option. After all – what's better than a packet of crisps with your sandwich?"

The filming started when chart-topping boy band JLS took the stage at the sixth-form technology college in front of students who

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Drummer joins campaign to neuter Staffies

FORMER Clash drummer Topper Heaton is backing an RSPCA campaign to offer free neutering to Staffordshire bull terriers in Dover and Deal.

The punk legend, who lives in the area, offered to help the branch after he heard about the campaign to help dog-owners who have not yet had their Staffordshire bull terrier or Staffordshire bull terrier cross-breed dogs neutered.

Topper, who now goes under his real name of Nick, said: "I have a fantastic 12-year-old Staffie called Yowsah.

"When he was four he started to become aggressive and was trying to fight with other dogs all the time. It was no longer enjoyable to take him out.

"When it was suggested to me that I have him neutered I was reluctant at first, as I wouldn't want to be neutered myself, but when I was asked if I would like to go around feeling aggressive all the time I realised that it was the right thing to do.

"He was a changed dog afterwards – so much happier, calmer and much more fun to take out.

"I would urge everyone to have their dog neutered. Staffies are wonderful dogs, really fun and real characters. But they do need the proper care and that includes neutering."

The RSPCA offer is for male and female dogs belonging to owners on benefits and living in the Dover and Deal area.

Anyone who would like to take up the offer can go to Maison Dieu vets in Dover, or Animal House or Lakeview vets in Deal, and fill out an application form.

Take your benefit papers with you



CHANGED DOG: Yowsah with Nick Heaton

and you will be issued with a voucher for a free neuter and microchip.

Dogs must be microchipped before they can be neutered under the scheme.

The closing date to apply is Friday, May 14, but vets say there is a limited number of vouchers so owners should apply early.

RSPCA expert Becky Blackmore said: "It is so important that dogs are neutered to help prevent unwanted litters as well as help with behavioural problems.

"We are offering this scheme to this breed of dog as we have more unwanted Staffordshire bull terriers than any other breed, even though they are a lovely breed of dog."

Shoe shop opening in empty premises

AN AWARD-winning business has just opened in Deal.

After 112 years trading in Sevenoaks, Hoads Shoe Shop has just opened up in Victoria Road.

The specialist footwear company was voted the best Family Footwear Retailer in the UK in 2009.

The business is now run by James and Jonty Hoad, with James living at Kingsdown.

Jonty said: "We have been looking for over two years to expand the business and this property in Deal offered us the perfect location in a fantastic town that has great potential for our type of business."

The move to revitalise the previously unused store has won praise from the business community.

Sustainable energy focus of conference

A CONFERENCE entitled Keeping The Lights On will tackle the issue of sustainable energy supply.

The event at The Pines Calyx in St Margaret's Bay, is being organised by Protect Kent, the Kent branch of the Campaign to Protect Rural England, and takes place on Friday, April 20.

Guest speaker is Sir Crispin Tickell, one of the world's foremost experts on climate change. He performed the opening ceremony at The Pines Calyx in 2006.

Protect Kent's Gemma Watts said: "We see this event as being about new ways to conserve and generate energy and The Pines Calyx is the perfect living example of low-carbon design."

Private GP practice is to run alongside NHS

A NEW GP service has been launched in Deal.

Campbell Clinic has launched a private service staffed by Dr Andrew Bleasdale and Dr Stephanie De Giorgio.

They will offer a range of medical services five days a week, with an out-of-hours option available.

The aim is to offer clients a patient-centred service with more time and a more personal service in professional and calm surroundings.

Staff aim to complement and expand upon the existing NHS service, as well as offering services not available on the NHS.

White Cliffs 'a national icon'

THE White Cliffs of Dover have been voted Britain's third best landmark, with Big Ben in first place.

Westminster's world-famous, 316ft clock tower claimed the title in a new survey commissioned by Beautiful Britain magazine.

The clock's 'bongs', which used to open ITN's News At Ten programme, are witnessed by millions of tourists every year.

Second place went to Stonehenge, the prehistoric monument built between 3000BC and 2000BC and today a renowned World Heritage Site.

The legendary White Cliffs – celebrated in the hit song – came third in the survey.

The research was carried out nationwide among 5,000 adults by Beautiful Britain as part of their

relaunch as a monthly magazine.

Rob Yarham, the magazine's editor, said: "As a nation we have so many buildings, structures and natural wonders to be proud of.

"Whatever corner of the country you live or work in, or visit, this list gives a fascinating insight into the landmarks that Brits view as special.

"Our country is steeped in history and Big Ben is a worthy winner – it's recognised around the world and is one of those cultural symbols, along with red buses and black cabs, that immediately make you think of London and Britain.

"Britain has so much to offer, and more and more people are discovering and enjoying all the wonderful historic, breathtaking and fascinating places that they can find on their own doorstep.

"Beautiful Britain magazine is all about celebrating Britain and these results are really encouraging.

"However, parts of our much-admired urban and rural landscapes are threatened by proposals to cut red tape as Government pressure to meet housing, energy and transport targets increases.

"The British public is in danger of losing a say about local development in the planning process.

"We think it is important for people to engage in a clear and thorough planning process, so that the landmarks we love so much are not overshadowed by more eyesores in the near future.

"This is why we have registered an ePetition for the Prime Minister to defend and enhance local democracy in the planning process."

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Labour's record versus Tory's calls for change

ELECTION 2010

BY JAMIE SMITH

SANDWICH looms large in the minds of both Conservative and Labour candidates as they battle for the Thanet South seat, of which the town forms a part.

Labour's Dr Steve Ladyman and his Conservative challenger, Laura Sandys, have outlined the key issues for voters. Both admit that it is going to be a tight contest.

Dr Ladyman says people should look at his party's past record in the town, while Ms Sandys says change is necessary and more help must be given to the area's largest employer, multi-national drugs company Pfizer.

"It will be a tough fight to hold on," said Dr Ladyman. "This is a tight marginal and the Conservatives benefit from boundary changes, but it's a fight Labour has to win if people want to see continued investment in South Thanet."

The Labour man says he understands that securing support in Sandwich will be crucial. His campaign will aim to raise awareness that Labour policy has helped Sandwich strive for continued development.

"Look around the area now, have a look at the schools your children attend, or remember the last time you used the NHS and compare that with your experience before 1997," he said.

Dr Ladyman pointed out that before 1997 roads were often gridlocked and community



LEFT AND RIGHT: Labour's Dr Stephen Ladyman and Conservative Laura Sandys are contesting the Thanet South seat

morale was low due to the closure of the sports centre and lack of police on the streets.

He said: "When the sports centre closed, it was me people came to for help. And with a board of local people we got it refurbished and it is now open and successful. We now have neighbourhood police teams and PCSOs in the town."

"I've worked hard with Sandwich people on their concerns and am sure residents will recognise what I've done."

Conservative Ms Sandys has taken issue with Labour's claims of success. She argues that Labour policies have not gone far enough and is

pointing to antisocial behaviour during weekends.

"I've been out on the streets with the police in Sandwich and have experienced myself the anti-social behaviour at the weekends," she said.

"But most importantly for all in Sandwich is the future of Pfizer and over the last 13 years we have seen far too many jobs lost."

"The Conservatives have committed to speed up the National Institute for Clinical Excellence process, which will deliver better medicine for patients. We aim to make Britain the most positive location for research and development and secure the jobs that are needed in Sandwich."

MEP annoyed by Stack disruption

ONCE again Kent motorists and businesses have been forced to pay the costs of a French industrial dispute as SeaFrance was forced to cancel many of its Easter weekend services, says a leading Euro MP.

Liberal Democrat Catherine Bearder said she was concerned that in response to the disruption caused by the industrial disputes Operation Stack was deployed, causing one part of the county to become gridlocked.



ACTION: Angry Catherine Bearder

Because of cancelled sailings, lorries were parked along stretches of the M20, causing traffic jams and packing cars onto smaller roads.

Ms Bearder, Kent Euro MP, said: "We must continue to develop better ways to handle the blockages that cause gridlock to the whole of Kent."

"Again the French government has failed to take responsibility for the disruption caused in South-east England by industrial action in France."

"The people of Kent are being made to foot the bill for a dispute they have nothing to do with."

"If the costs are not wholly absorbed by SeaFrance, the French government should have the integrity to cover the rest rather than passing the buck across the Channel."

"Since 2005 Operation Stack has cost Kent Police almost £5 million. Just think what this could have been spent on if these disruptions had been better planned for."

"These figures of course don't even include the additional costs to residents and local business."

SeaFrance sailings across the Channel resumed on Wednesday last week following the costly strike.

Thanks a million – Walkers ad becomes an internet sensation



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thought they were getting a lecture on university-application procedures.

Last month's Melbourne Grand Prix Formula 1 winner Button then took to the streets in a cab picking up paying passengers, while the following day Lampard and Lineker

coached footballers and played a game. Finally, glamour-girl Pamela and Al spent Friday night in the pub.

The advertisement itself features clips from the celebrities with a view of the town and fireworks bursting overhead. However, the online version and the company's website

has views of the streets of Sandwich.

Businesses say they are hopeful that the interest in the town will lead to an increase in the numbers of visitors this year.

For a look behind the scenes and a chat with both JLS and Jenson Button, go to www.yourkenttv.co.uk.



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Young refugees 'denied medical care on arrival'

■ BY NICK AMES

CHILD asylum-seekers arriving in Dover, some suffering from illness or serious injuries, are being denied basic needs like rest, food and medicine before they complete oppressive and unlawful interviews with the UK Border Agency, a new report is claiming.

Campaign group Refugee And Migrant Justice has highlighted the issue in its new report, *Safe At Last? Children On The Front Line Of Border Control*.

It argues the interviews show scant regard for the children's welfare and should not be tolerated.

Safe at Last? describes the experiences of children arriving in Dover in their own words.

One of these children was suffering from a bomb injury and recent stab wounds when he arrived in the UK. Another had injuries from a gunshot wound.

Both were detained and subjected to interview without being offered any medical care, according to the campaigners.

Caroline Slocock, chief executive of Refugee And Migrant Justice, said: "Unaccompanied children coming into Dover arrive hungry, cold and often ill, having travelled for months in situations of great danger, fleeing war-torn countries like Afghanistan in order to find safety in the UK.

"Their welcome is an interview by the UK Border Agency that often puts welfare at risk and is used to gather information which is later used against them.

"Such interviews, carried out without any independent adult or legal representative present, and sometimes without the right interpreters, would be entirely unacceptable anywhere else in Britain.

"Children should not be treated in this way."

Hugh Ind, the strategic director for protection with the UK Border Agency, said: "All children are granted access to basic needs such as rest, food and medicine.

"We have a statutory duty to safeguard and promote the welfare of children who are in the United Kingdom and we take this duty very seriously.



INTOLERABLE: Children who may have travelled for months are being denied basic needs, says the report

"To ascertain a child's welfare we need to speak to them, and therefore an initial interview is necessary.

"We will continue to ensure that vulnerable children are referred to child-welfare agencies or the police as soon as possible.

"Our staff and interpreters have clear guidance on how to conduct interviews and comply with a code of conduct."

NEWS IN BRIEF

Grab a Brocante bargain

WALMER'S Spring Brocante will take place this year on Walmer Green from 8am to 4pm on Bank Holiday Monday, May 3.

This antiques, collectables and crafts fair, organised by Walmer Parish Council, is now in its third year.

Some 5,000 visitors attended the 2009 event, which featured more than 120 stalls selling everything from musical and military memorabilia to furniture, housewares and vintage clothing, as well as books, embroidery, local arts and crafts.

Experts from The Canterbury Auction Galleries will be at the brocante again this year to value people's collectables and advise them on selling the items at auction.

Funds raised from the valuations will be donated to the RNLI.

To book a pitch, phone 01304 381506 for a booking form or visit the website at www.walmercouncil.co.uk.

Dame Kelly to name ferry

DOUBLE Olympic-gold-medallist Dame Kelly Holmes is to name a new ferry that will run on the Dover to Calais route.

Dame Kelly, who won both the 800m and 1500m events at the 2004 games in Athens, will name the new 49,000-tonne P&O Ferries vessel Olympic Spirit in January 2011.

The 699ft ferry will become the largest ship to operate on the run. A sister ship, the Olympic Pride, will be unveiled in 2011.

The two vessels are currently being built at Rauma in Finland at a cost of about £330 million.

Terminal's new facilities

FERRY operator Norfolkline, which operates vessels from Dover, has announced that phase one of the rejuvenation programme to upgrade passenger facilities at its Dunkirk port terminal has been completed.

Passengers can now enjoy new refreshment, entertainment and seating facilities on the first floor of the terminal.

The entertainment includes air-hockey and video games, suitable for both adults and children, and five televisions.

The new-look terminal should help to increase the number of visitors using the port, say French officials.



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The cliffs under Dover Castle are home to a labyrinth of secret tunnels dating back to the early 19th century but used mainly in the Second World War.

During the evacuation of Dunkirk in 1940 they were the headquarters of the officers commanding the operation and will form a centre-piece for the anniversary event next month.

Re-enactors will show the roles played by the military and there will also be services, gun salutes and a wreath-laying ceremony.

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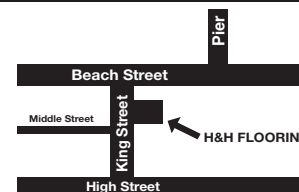


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War memorial plan put on hold by access fears

■ BY IAN READ

A PLAN to build an iconic memorial to casualties of both world wars near the White Cliffs of Dover is being held up by English Heritage.

Architect John Pegg wants to put up 12 three-metre-high walls with the names of all those killed while serving with British and Commonwealth armed forces in the two conflicts.

He believes that the memorial on the Western Heights overlooking the harbour would attract visitors to the town and help with its much-vaunted regeneration.

Cash to build the structure would come from the National Lottery and regeneration funds.

But English Heritage doesn't like the design or the proposed site because it feels that access is limited.

Mr Pegg said: "We hope to have the memorial in place for 2014 – the centenary of the start of the First World War.

"It would have 1.7 million names on it and would be a fitting tribute.

"It would be a tragedy if this opportunity was lost. English Heritage has a mind-set that's rooted in the past – not the possibilities of the future."

The backers believe that the memorial would attract between 250,000 and 500,000 visitors a year, boosting the port, which Mr Pegg says is



RIGHT SIGHT? Artist's impression of the planned memorial

currently little more than a stop on the way to London.

He said: "It would attract people from around the world because it would also remember those from occupied countries like the Poles and the Free French who served with our forces."

To deal with access problems, Mr Pegg says a bridge to the Drop Redoubt site could be built

and a small road constructed. Frail tourists would be driven up to the memorial in golf-buggies.

Town councillor Chris Precious says the imposing edifice would complement the memorial in Staffordshire to those killed since 1945.

He said the cliffs stood out as a "bulwark against oppression".

"The Few from the Battle of Britain fought above them. Two-thirds of those rescued from Dunkirk arrived here and for many soldiers heading for the battlefields of Flanders and the Somme it was the last sight of home they had," he said.

Businessmen

The plan has backing from businessmen in the town and qualified support from Dover District Council.

Council leader Paul Watkins said: "We support the principle of building the memorial, but it has to fit in with regeneration plans.

"If it can be planned properly, then I don't see a problem with it."

A spokesman for English Heritage said: "English Heritage has given careful consideration to the proposal for a Commonwealth War Memorial on the Western Heights.

"From our initial research we do not believe the Western Heights is the best place for a memorial of this sort.

"We feel there are some practical difficulties in terms of public accessibility."

Chief helping force take abuse to task

HEALTH boss Paul Sutton has joined a national task force to support women and children who are victims of violence.

The group has been set up to help the NHS provide improved care for such victims and follows an independent task-force report called Responding To Violence Against Women And Children – The Role Of The NHS.

Mr Sutton, chief executive of the South East Coast Ambulance Service (SECAMB), said: "The consequences of violence and abuse against women and children cannot be overstated.

"We recognise the service needs support and training in dealing with victims of violence and abuse as well as referring them on to other services."

Call for witnesses follows car chase

POLICE are appealing for witnesses after an incident in Deal where threats were allegedly made to a man in a car.

They want to hear from people who may have seen a car chase through a large part of the town.

At 5.45 pm on Tuesday, March 30, a 27-year-old man in a silver Fiesta in Arthur Road was approached by two men in a green Subaru estate. One had a knife.

The ensuing chase went into Redsull Avenue, Davis Avenue, Pilots Avenue, Wilson Avenue, Mill Hill, Mill Road, Park Avenue and London Road.

Witnesses should phone PC Caroline Cornock on 01622 690690.

• Two men aged 19 and 28 have been arrested and released on bail.



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QUESTION & ANSWER

CLIVE LAWRENCE



Q Tell us a little about yourself

A I achieved my dream by working for the BBC as a journalist for more than 20 years and have gone on to run my own business from Gillingham, where we have lived since I came to work at BBC Radio Kent.

As a Devonian, I love cider and clotted cream. Our three girls have left home and are pursuing their careers, so it's great when they come home for family Sunday lunch.

I am a member of Rotary and get huge satisfaction from taking part in a range of hands-on projects to help people in my community as well as those overseas.

Q Tell us a bit about the Federation of Small Businesses

A It's Britain's leading business organisation; represents more than 200,000 self-employed and small-business owners; and is run by the members for the members. There are 6,581 Kent members.

Q What's the best bit about your job?

A As a professional communicator, there is nothing more satisfying than convincing others that what you are saying is right. However, just telling the truth, as you see it, is not good enough – you have to look for ways to persuade others through real examples which your audience can appreciate.

Q And the most challenging?

A Finding a way around all those people who have their minds made up and are resistant to change.

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Q How do you qualify to join the FSB?

A You have to be self-employed or run a small business of fewer than 250 people. In reality, 99 per cent of members employ 20 or fewer and 95 per cent employ up to 10 people.

Q Do you see things picking up after the recession?

A The FSB Kent Business Barometer is run every six months, with the next due in two months' time.

Last November the economic climate appeared to have bottomed out and the decline of the previous three years had halted. The fact is that small businesses form the bedrock of the whole economy of the country. Just imagine if each business-owner created just one job each. Overnight, Britain's unemployment figures would disappear!

Q What advice would you give to someone thinking of starting a business?

A Do your research and talk to as many people in business as you can to collect their tips. But remember only to talk to people who have succeeded – why get advice from people who have a poor track record?

Q Anything you would like to add?

A Always make time for yourself and the family. In the end, they are the first priority!

To find out more about joining the Federation of Small Businesses, log on to www.fsb.org.uk or email membership@fsb.org.uk

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The PR officer for the Federation of Small Businesses and former BBC journalist talks to **Jill Hurst** about how he got the job and how the FSB has helped small companies throughout Kent to survive the recession



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Top team picks up clean momentum

VOLUNTEERS have spent a day clearing rubbish from around Sugarloaf Hill and the neighbouring field under the A20 flyover at Folkestone.

Eight people came forward to help the White Cliffs Countryside Project and picked up enough glass and cans to fill eight carrier-bags, which were then taken to recycling bins. In total, a trailer-load of filth was collected.

The WCCP said it was also disappointing to find several full sandbags under the flyover.

Being so heavy, it is thought these could only have been thrown over from roadworks on the A20 above, possibly by workers after the job was finished.

The hills behind Folkestone, of which Sugarloaf Hill is one, form a section of the North Downs Area Of Outstanding Natural Beauty and comprise one of Europe's most important and legally-protected wildlife sites.

This is because the open grazed chalk grasslands are home to a healthy range of rare plants and butterflies; they are also enjoyed by many walkers.

Much of the rubbish is produced by thoughtless car-drivers and passengers who throw rubbish out of their windows while travelling, said the WCCP.

A free leaflet with details of events and walks around Folkestone and Dover is available by phoning 01304 241806.



HELP: William and his mum at Sugarloaf Hill

The heroes of Dunkirk to be remembered

A DAY of celebrations and memorials will mark the start of the 70th anniversary of the Dunkirk evacuations of the Second World War.

The Dynamo Day event, named after Operation Dynamo, will be held in Ramsgate on Wednesday, May 26.

The royal-harbour town was one of many on the south coast to see flotillas of little ships leave to rescue troops from the beaches of northern France.

Some 50 little ships and a Royal Navy frigate are expected to sail into town for the commemorations and a large programme of events is planned to pay tribute to the efforts of all involved in what many historians have referred to as a miracle.

More than 330,000 members of the allied forces were evacuated from the beaches during a nine-day period from May 27 to June 4, 1940.

Alexander Thomson, one of the event's organisers, said: "This will be a large event to mark this moment in history. I'm sure there will be no shortage of people who want to attend and we

■ BY TOM BETTS

hope it may become an annual event. This is a major event which, while commemorating the heroism of the past, will allow us to show that the Dunkirk spirit never really died.

"Ramsgate, like many parts of Britain, still has a strong a community spirit and civic pride and we are talking to people from across the area looking to attend or contribute in some way. "This will be an international event that commemorates and pays tribute to the enormous contribution that civilians made to Operation Dynamo, the evacuation of the Dunkirk beaches in 1940.

"With the military commemorations of the Dunkirk evacuation taking place in France, this is an exclusive opportunity for the United Kingdom to highlight the remarkable role that the people of Ramsgate and the rest of the South East played both on land and at sea.

"Ramsgate was the marshalling point for the legendary little ships that played such an essential and heroic role in the evacuation. It was also one of the main reception centres for



ALL ABOARD! The evacuation rescue at Dunkirk in 1940

the returning allied troops and the many casualties that this included."

A core programme has been announced.

The day will begin at midday with a service with veterans' standards for the little ships at the Sailors' Church by Ramsgate harbour.

At 1pm there will be a lunch for the skippers of the little ships at the Oak Hotel, with an inspection of the ships and standards, and a Swordfish flypast of the harbour, at 2.30pm.

At 4.45pm the Ramsgate Sea Cadets will assemble opposite Custom House and at 5pm there will be a reception with the Mayor of Ramsgate at 5pm.

Later that evening, at 7pm, a 1940s-style theme night for boat crews, veterans and others will be held at the Belgian Bar and Café, while a dinner at the Royal Temple Yacht Club for the little ships' skippers will take place at the same time.

The day will climax with a fireworks display over the harbour at 10pm.

The following day, on Thursday, May 27, the little ships depart for France from the harbour at 6am, while a piper plays on the east pier.

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Campaigners warn our police over kept images

BY MARIJKE COX

KENT Police could face a flood of High Court cases after being accused of breaking privacy laws by storing photographs of innocent motorists.

Campaigners from the civil rights group Liberty have vowed to support anyone who wants to take legal action against the force after a report by the National Policing Improvement Agency revealed that pictures taken using automatic number plate recognition (ANPR) technology – which are stored for up to two years – sometimes catch passengers' faces.

The Liberty threat could spell particular trouble for Kent which has so far invested £5.3 million into the system and claims to be one of the leading constabularies in the UK for using ANPR.

The technology, launched nationally in 2006, is used to detect criminal activity, ranging from motorists with no insurance to stolen cars.

In Kent it records the movements of one million cars a day using 200 hidden cameras in undisclosed locations.

A Liberty spokeswoman said police originally said the system would be used only to identify unlicensed and uninsured drivers.

"Now we see it being used for a myriad of purposes without any public debate," she added.

Motorists without tax, MOT or insurance are most at risk of being stopped on the road due to the system being linked up to the national DVLA database, but vehicles used in criminal activity have also been detected.

As well as the fixed cameras, a team of dedicated mobile ANPR officers travel around the county stopping vehicles that have been flagged up.

But drivers' groups have also criticised the



BIG BROTHER: Liberty will support anyone who wants to take legal action against the force over use of images

system, claiming everyone is being treated as a potential criminal.

Ian Taylor, Kent spokesman for the Association of British Drivers, said although motorists understand the reasons behind ANPR, keeping details of innocent drivers for so long is unnecessary.

"We know it helps target criminals, we have no argument with that, but why does the system need to look at everyone and then keep their details, often of their faces, for such a long time?" he said.

"Police are treating everyone as a potential criminal, being tagged and tracked wherever they go.

Concerns

"In the past, officers stopped people who had done something wrong, but now everyone is treated as though they are criminals.

"We have concerns about this information and control. How long before we are controlled on when or where we travel?"

This is not the first time Kent Police has come under fire for its use of ANPR.

Last year it emerged that officers had used the technology to monitor protesters during the infamous Climate Camp rally at Kingsnorth in 2008, and that law-abiding citizens were later pulled over for no other

reason than that they had attended a demonstration.

Chief Insp Simon Black, head of ANPR at Kent Police, said it was unlikely images of innocent people would ever be viewed.

He said: "Cameras read the number plates on vehicles and do on occasions capture an image of the front seat passengers, but the primary objective of ANPR is to capture the make, model and colour of the vehicle to provide assistance in bringing offenders to justice.

"We retain the information – as required by the Data Information Commissioner in his ruling in January this year – for two years.

"The ANPR system reads about one million number plates a day, but if the vehicles are insured, taxed and have not been used in relation to a criminal offence then it is unlikely the images will ever be viewed.

"Therefore a person's privacy is not compromised."

Last week Kent Police was also criticised for handing out Speedwatch equipment to members of the public.

The force was accused of using 'Big Brother' techniques, allowing residents to monitor the speed of drivers in Canterbury, Whitstable and Herne Bay.



ROW: Union claims that children could criticise lessons

Pupils used 'secret mobiles' to grade teachers' lessons

A SCHOOL gave pupils mobile telephones so they could send criticism of their teachers to more senior members of staff, claims a concerned union member.

Speaking at the annual Association of Teachers and Lecturers conference, teacher John Rivers revealed that children as young as 11 had used the technology to give instant ratings on their teachers' abilities to senior staff, and even during lessons.

He said that about 20 youngsters at the un-named secondary school in Kent were given the phones during what was called a "quality assurance" week.

Mr Rivers, who teaches information and communication technology (ICT) at a different school in the county, said he was contacted for advice by colleagues at the school in question.

He said: "I have no problem generally in asking pupils how they felt about my lesson. It's just I believe there should be clear guidance about how those observations should be conducted and reported."

Mr Rivers said the scheme was part of a drive spearheaded by the Government to make teaching staff more accountable for their style of running a classroom.

The conference was told of similar examples of schoolchildren apparently getting too much power when it comes to the content of lessons, behaviour policies and even the hiring and firing of staff. One example of excessive pupil power was when they interviewed a man and two women teachers for a job, and then picked the one they thought was the most attractive.

Plus a teacher seeking promotion was rejected for not singing the Michael Jackson hit Bad during an interview.

Speaking to reporters after the conference had finished, Mr Rivers said teachers at the Kent school were concerned they had not been forewarned or consulted on the scheme.

He said: "I understand it just happened. Staff were not aware of how it worked and there was a lack of transparency. I suppose staff must feel it's a bit threatening if it's not transparent."

A spokesman for the Department for Children, Schools and Families said it believed pupils should play an active role in their own learning and in the development of their schools. However, both KCC and Medway Council said it was unaware of mobile phones being used in any of its schools to critique teaching staff.

Kent university scientist involved in vital breakthrough with battle against cancer

SLOWLY but surely scientists are edging towards a cure for cancer – and now a Kent medical research team has revealed a new breakthrough in the long battle.

Dr Mark Howard's research at the University of Kent's School of Biosciences has led to the development of a new technique that will deliver cancer treatments direct to certain tumours, and he has now patented the discovery.

It is primarily aimed at targeting pancreatic cancer – which is currently very difficult to treat – and involves cancer-targeting peptides binding to a complex protein found in high levels on many tumour cells, but absent in most normal tissues.

By seeking out this protein and binding to it the peptides can deliver cancer treatments directly to the site with increased precision and reduced side effects.

And the treatment is so effective it is not going to be years before it's used.

In fact, the American company Aura Biosciences Inc has already licensed the technique from Cancer Research Technology.

Dr Howard's role in this development involved identifying the shape of the peptides.



CURE: Dr Howard identified the peptides' shape (above)

He said: "These peptides have a particular three-dimensional shape enabling them to specifically target this tumour-associated protein in a more effective way than ever observed before.

"We were able to model different peptide shapes and see a clear link between shape and effectiveness."

Dr Howard, a member of the school's

Protein Science Research Group, added that the technology has potential within tumour imaging and therapy for efficient identification and eradication of cancers.

The senior lecturer joined the School of Biosciences in 2001 and his research interests include the structural and dynamic characterisation of bio-chemically relevant molecules, enhanced structural stability in proteins and peptides, as well as advancing nuclear magnetic resonance spectroscopy.

Collateral damage when treating cancer cells has long been a major problem.

But Dr Phil L'Huillier, director of business management at CRT, said: "These peptides have the potential to seek out and destroy cancer cells, leaving the surrounding areas unharmed.

"We believe this technology could have particular strengths in delivering treatments for cancers that have limited treatment options, such as pancreatic and head and neck cancer.

"Crucially this targeted treatment could also reduce the side effects that are commonly associated with standard therapies.

"We look forward to the results of this programme with great interest."

Homework giving parents headache

PARENTS asked to help with school homework are feeling the pressure as they struggle to support their child's learning, a new report has revealed.

Almost 80 per cent in the South East admitted to not understanding the curriculum, with 50 per cent of youngsters confessing to feeling confused when their parents try to help.

The report 'I'm stuck – can you help me?' – commissioned by the Government agency Becta aims to provide parents in Kent with information to show them how to support their children.

Schools are also being encouraged to set up websites and learning platforms to equip confused parents with the resources they need to help with homework.

Neil McLean, executive director of Becta, said using technology in this way is extremely beneficial to a child's learning.

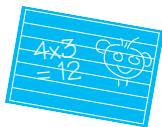
"Schools benefit from from parents' involvement and if children feel they are getting the right support from the schools and families, this has a positive effect on their grades," he said.

The report revealed 81 per cent of parents in the region are asked for help with homework by their children at least once a week. And one in ten parents confessed they felt unable to support their child, which was having a profound emotional effect.

Becta is pushing for schools to get involved in its Next Generation Learning programme, which urges education officials to use technology to link parents with their child's curriculum.

There are already a number of schools in Kent leading the way using ICT to improve links between work at school and at home.

For more information go to www.nextgenerationlearning.org.uk.



Dancing in streets for drama project

STUDENTS at Folkestone Academy have completed a drama project by dancing in the town's high street, thanks to funding from the Kent 20in12 Learning Programme.

The finale consisted of two performances in Folkestone town centre in the style of the Natural Theatre Company, world-famous for its indoor and outdoor comic-visual theatre.

University Centre Folkestone drama lecturer and Natural Theatre Company performer Gary Barber said: "The pupils were enthusiastic and committed in rehearsals and this stood them in good stead for the performance."

"They were really professional young actors."

University Centre Folkestone, above, in Mill Bay entails a partnership between the University of Greenwich and Canterbury Christ Church University. It offers degree programmes in performing and visual arts, dance education, creative writing and early-years education.

For details of Kent20in12, visit www.kent20in12.co.uk, while for more about the Natural Theatre Company go to www.naturaltheatre.co.uk.

Academy achieves status as healthy place to learn

■ BY JAMES ALEXANDRE

MARSH Academy students can look forward to leading healthier and more active lifestyles, thanks to their school being awarded a specialist status.

The Extended Services And Healthy Schools celebration event was held at Ashford's International Hotel and the academy was recognised for its efforts with a Healthy Schools award.

To achieve the status, it had to show it had met national criteria across four themes, such as PSHEE (personal, social, health and economic education), healthy eating, physical activity and emotional health and well-being.

The New Romney school achieved this by holding a healthy-eating project supported by Sainsbury's and delivering sports activities in the Marsh Academy Leisure Centre during the holidays.

For the PSHEE, the academy invited local health-workers to give relationship and contraceptive advice for girls and boys.

Students can also now choose from an array of sports as part of their physical education, including skiing, rowing, fishing and salsa.

Health and social care course-leader Janet Thomas and BTEC students Kayleigh Hudson and Kirri Green were at the event to collect the academy's certificate and plaque.

The Marsh Academy specialises in business and enterprise and is sponsored by Microsoft, Kent County Council and the Tonbridge School.



HEALTHY CHANGE: Janet Thomas picks up the certificate, along with students Kayleigh Hudson and Kirri Green

The school aims to provide young people with the skills, knowledge and understanding that will equip them as young adults, together with opportunities to develop their confidence and entrepreneurship.

The National Healthy Schools Programme aims to raise standards in health, pupil achievement and social inclusion by improving physical and emotional health throughout the school day and after lessons.

The programme is a joint initiative between the Department For Children, Schools And

Families (DCSF) and the Department Of Health to promote a whole-school and whole-child approach to health.

It was started in 1999 and the Government has set a target for all schools to be working towards this status. By December last year 75 per cent of schools were already granted specialist status, which translates to almost four million young people enjoying the benefits of a healthy school.

To find out more, you can go to the website www.healthyschools.gov.uk.

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YOUR LETTERS

Do we really want an out-of-town MP?

I am very troubled, as many other members of the electorate in the Dover and Deal constituency must be, over several matters, but one in particular springs to mind.

Present MP Gwyn Prosser has lived and worked in the constituency for many years, and it seems he intends to remain here.

He has fought many battles on behalf of all in the area and is always available in the constituency, as a dedicated MP should be.

On the other hand, his opposing Tory candidate, Charles Elphicke, owns a residence in Belgravia, London, which is sensible for an international tax lawyer, but of course he is rightly registered on Deal's electoral roll.

Now the question is: will Charles Elphicke be a full-time MP for the constituency?

Obviously his job must make huge demands on his time, which he deals with very capably, I'm sure.

An area as important as Dover and Deal needs and deserves a full-time MP – let's hope it gets one.

John Hawkey
Eastry

It's a blighted road to Wolverhampton

Readers will no doubt remember that local councils across the country were given extra funds in the Budget to tackle the damage caused by this winter's dreadful weather. Kent County Council's share is £2,448,400.

That's an average of £204,000 for each district in the county.

Together with the £80,000 per district council area that Conservative-run Kent County Council has announced, this means we could make some progress in tackling the pothole menace in Deal and Dover.

While the county council has made it clear it intends to spend the £80,000 on slapping a bit of tarmac into any potholes it happens to stumble across, the Government has made it equally clear it wants a proper job done.

As the letter from the Department for Transport to the chief executive of KCC says, "there is evidence that where roads have been properly maintained, winter weather has much less opportunity to do damage".

Of course, it will be up to our current crop of county councillors to ensure the residents of Dover district get a decent share of the money available.

It is important that our share doesn't go 'up west' while our Conservative county councillor is electioneering at a McDonald's on the way 'home' from Wolverhampton's Bentley Bridge cinema.

Clir Mike Eddy (Labour)
Dover District Council (Mill Hill ward)

your blogger

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In France 250 years ago, philosopher Jean-Jacques Rousseau wrote: "The English people believes itself to be free; it is gravely mistaken; it is free only during election of members of parliament; as soon as the members are elected, the people is enslaved."

OK, JJ could go a little over the top and yes it might have lost something in translation... but perhaps he has a point. Love 'em or loathe 'em, New Labour, who swept to victory in 1997, have changed this country.

On the plus side, we have shorter waiting times for hospital operations; full-time workers are guaranteed 24 days' paid holiday; Scots and Welsh have their own assemblies; there are 85,000 more nurses and 32,000 more doctors (and who knows how many more in pen-pushing admin staff). You get the idea, the former Blair wannabe MPs have done some good things.

On the flip side, Mr B Liar did take us into a war for reasons that we probably weren't too clear about. And there has been an explosion in made-up jobs in the public sector, like nappy advisers for new mums (£25,000 a year, see Guardian jobs) and five-a-day coordinators (same salary, same jobs section) to tell us what to eat to stay healthy.

If there is a story in your area you think we should be covering, contact the editor, Dave Mairs, on 01303 817022 or email him on the details above. If you want to be the next blogger, then all you have to do is submit an article to us (of around 550 words) and email it to the editor.

And don't forget, for all the latest news and video from your town, log on to www.kentnews.co.uk.

Group editor Gary Wright

Just another day with Southeastern

Southeastern train passengers were subjected to three hours-plus stuck in a landslide between Maidstone East and Bearsted on Friday, February 26.

I arrived at Maidstone East to catch the 17.57 to Ashford after a seminar at police HQ. The train was a few minutes late.

I was told there was a slight delay as there may be a "small" landslide near Bearsted. There were about 60 passengers in the rear four coaches and 20-plus in the front two.

18.05: We're under way, trundling down the line until we grind to a halt. We've hit something – it's too dark to see properly.

18.25: Told an engineer has been sent for to assess whether we can get going. He's just left Paddock Wood. Half-an-hour's wait.

19.00: He's arrived and has a big torch. He's "assessing the situation".

19.15: Upline train passes. People are trying to keep families etc updated on their mobiles.

19.30ish: They need to cut away a bit of chicken-wire. The previous train has lurched to a halt at Lenham, having ripped up the fence. There's a pregnant woman in the front two coaches, needing water. There's none available.

19.45: They're sending another train from Ashford to detrain us across to it – probably back to

Maidstone East.

19.55: Guard, who's doing her best, regains mobile signal but says they are looking for the passenger ramp to get people across.

20.05: We're trying to be upbeat, but the mood in the rear three carriages is apparently rather 'ugly'. We're all getting rather hungry and thirsty, too.

20.10: Some more workmen are coming to dig us out.

20.15: Upline train passes.

Anyone know how to contact International Rescue?

20.20: Power's off altogether – we're in the dark and it's getting cold in here anyway.

20.30ish: Let there be light – three diggers have arrived. Err, with an arc light, a few torches, some large wire-cutters and a couple of spades.

20.50: We're watching them dig, cut and do a bit of chainsawing (but only a bit). They're looking up at the landslide – will more come down? Mud looks pretty sodden...

21.00: More digging.

21.20: Power on again. We lurch, then stop, then move again. Crawl into Bearsted. Passengers from London etc detrain. What about the rest of us?

21.25: Everybody off – on to waiting coaches. No sign, of course, of any refreshments; then clambering over the bridge. Pile on to coaches. First one goes full, I'm on the second one. Train departs. Coach-driver says the train's been sent empty to Ashford, so the line must have been cleared earlier.

We're in a bit of debt, too, and while the financial collapse was worldwide, we in Britain are worse off because Labour gave bankers far too much freedom and we will be paying for that cock-up for 40 years.

Immigration is a massive issue for this once-tolerant nation. In Labour's diversity-aware Britain we have an organisation for every group, be it ethnic, transgendered, gay, single parent etc etc.

However, while there is a black chief police officers' association, the same thing couldn't exist for Caucasian cops.

But as the flood of refugees, n'er-do-wells, criminals and economic migrants have invaded Britain over the past decade, few dare discuss it for fear of being branded a BNP supporter or racist.

That surely is the legacy of Blair's Britain. We are watched by more CCTV cameras than any other nation, and the vital need for a voice to be given to all minorities has resulted in the majority thinking that it's best to stay quiet.

If you own a guest house and suggest you are not happy letting a gay couple stay there, you'll get a visit from your not-so-friendly neighbourhood cop.

A petshop-owner who sold a goldfish to a boy aged 14 ends up tagged, fined and with a criminal record.

That's Britain under Labour.

Jean-Jacques probably had it right. So enjoy the next three weeks – it is our big chance to get the government we deserve. But will we take it?

22.00: Arrive Ashford International. No staff to meet us. We are left to fend for ourselves as they hide in their cubby-holes.

23.00: Arrive home, five hours after leaving Maidstone East, cold, tired, hungry, thirsty and 'rather angry'.

Why was this train let through in the first place? Why was Southeastern relying on the driver alone, with a lot of passengers onboard, to assess the situation?

Why did an engineer, and later team, have to come from Paddock Wood to assess the situation?

Questions, questions, questions... and the obvious answer to all of the above?

Oh, it'll cost us money, it's not efficient or cost-effective and so on... so you lot will have to make do with feeble excuses, unmeant apologies, loads of PR and spin, being cold, tired and hungry while we laugh all the way to the bank.

Ray Duff
Folkestone

Draining lack of help from County Hall

During the thunderstorm on the evening of Monday, March 29, I was in the Mill Hill area of Deal.

The torrent of water running down the slope was appalling and just goes to show how pathetic our drainage system is when it comes to dealing with rain that is heavy but far from unusual in Britain.

One of the manhole covers on Mill Hill was lifting because of the quantity of water it had to take. This is clearly a danger to road-users.

Just as clearly, there is a problem with the drains in our town.

Deryck Murray has repeatedly drawn it to everyone's attention, but the Tory administration on Kent County Council has done little or nothing about the problem.

And the little they have done was thanks to Terry Birket and Mike Eddy.

Our current county councillors seem to think they are doing us a favour by allowing the roads in Mill Hill and Upper Walmer to act as waterfalls in wet weather, and for the roads in Lower Walmer and Middle and North Deal to act as settling tanks for the run-off.

Unfortunately, they are wrong.

Clir Bryan Henderson (Labour)
Deal Town Council (North Deal ward)

How the Tories are wrecking rural Kent

Conservative MPs Greg Clark and Sir John Stanley have criticised the Green Party for wanting to protect Kent's environment from the widening of the A21.

This is not an isolated case of Conservatives defending attacks on the environment.

This is happening in every district in Kent:

- Ashford: promotion of a lorry park on a greenfield site at Aldington.
- Canterbury: city council has refused to sign up to the 10/10 campaign to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.
- Dartford: council supports another road crossing of the Thames, with serious implications for traffic in Dartford and Gravesham.
- Dover: council supports port expansion and massive housing expansion, which will add to serious air pollution in the Dover area.
- Gravesham: see Dartford.
- Maidstone: council supports housing expansion of the town on to greenfield sites, well above local demand for housing.
- Medway: council proposed to wreck an area of woodland at the Paddock for a new bus station but has been forced to modify proposals after strong public objections.
- Shepway: council is seeking a Dungeness C nuclear power station, despite the extreme long-term costs of nuclear waste, high labour costs and long lead-times for new-build.
- Swale: council supports extension of Kent Science Park on to greenfield land.
- Thanet: council supports further expansion of Manston airport and the huge China Gateway warehousing project.
- Tunbridge Wells: council favours park-and-ride, despite evidence from Canterbury that such schemes create new areas of traffic congestion and air pollution.

Steve Dawe
Kent Green Party

School standards 'will be hit' by cuts

A CHILDREN'S services union has warned of a potential drop in achievement in Kent schools if "deep funding cuts" are not properly considered.

It follows an announcement in February by Kent County Council that some 260 jobs could be slashed from its department for children, families and education in a bid to save £8million.

At the time councillor Sarah Hohler – cabinet member for the department – insisted front-line services would not be affected, but professional schools-improvement staff now believe performance levels will be hit.

Redeployment

Children's services union Aspect said the restructuring would mean cuts in services offering professional support to schools.

Restructuring within the department would see seven per cent of jobs lost. In secondary schools improvement teams, however, there could be a 50 per cent reduction in staffing, with no current indication of redeployment in other areas, according to Aspect.

Union officials and school workers argued the plans were developed with little or no consultation with key stakeholders.

But Rosalind Turner, managing director for children, families and education at KCC, said: "We are not yet halfway through the consultation and we are interested in any additional proposals to deliver the required efficiencies."

She added that despite the possible changes, a high degree of support for schools would be maintained.

"Our strategy is to reduce management and administration as much as possible, and to protect direct services to children, young people and families," she said.

Drugs, weapons and cigs all stopped at the border

■ BY STEVE KNIGHT

BORDER control officers based across Kent helped seize more than £237 million worth of illegal drugs in just one year.

They also helped prevent 27,000 dangerous weapons from reaching the streets as well as 557 million smuggled cigarettes representing a loss in tax revenue of £109 million.

Launched on April 1, 2009, the UK Border Agency was formed when customs and immigration officers joined forces as one single organisation. It is based in Dover and is also represented at the French ports of Calais, Coquelles, Dunkirk and Boulogne.

Regional director Tony Smith said: "The public expects us to keep the UK border safe and secure at all times because drugs, illegal immigration and contraband damage communities and businesses. That's why we have a strong new force at the border with combined customs and immigration powers, which works 24 hours a day to stop illegal immigrants and smugglers."

During the past year more than a million freight vehicles have been searched at British border controls in northern France and Belgium, with 29,000 illegal attempts to cross the Channel thwarted.

Notable successes include the seizure of £3.7m of drugs from just one lorry – which was



STOPPED: Tobacco and an avocado stuffed with cocaine were seized by UK Border Agency officials at Dover

loaded with oil drums packed with heroin, amphetamine, ecstasy and cannabis – as well as the discovery of 5kg of cocaine hidden in a car bumper and 1.2 tonnes of hand-rolling tobacco concealed in a cargo of boilers.

The agency also carries out intelligence-led operations to catch illegal workers and other immigration offenders.

Where companies are found using illegal workers they face a fine of up to £10,000 per employee. Examples include the arrest of six onion farmers from Iraq and Palestine who

were caught working at a farm in north Kent, and a £30,000 fine for the Hands On Car Wash firm in Ashford, Tenterden and Folkestone that was found to be employing illegal immigrants.

Large companies have also been caught out as well, such as the Whitstable branch of Domino's Pizza that was fined £10,000 for giving work to an illegal Indian and Kosovan.

Mr Smith added: "We are dedicated to stopping drugs getting onto our streets, removing illegal migrants and locking up or deporting the most serious criminals."

"We will continue to crack down on foreign nationals who don't play by the rules, and the people and organisations behind them."

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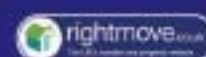
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9. LUCY TOM DOORSTOPS

Lucy Tom based in Cirencester Wiltshire, started as a home curtain/blind making business, but with so many offcuts this dynamic entrepreneur has created a new doorstep business. Using quirky and original designs, now famous for their chickens and scotty dogs.

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Book up for Wilde tale

MORAL decay is etched into a painting in *The Picture of Dorian Gray*.

Oscar Wilde's tale can be seen at the Memorial Theatre in Broadstairs at 7.30pm on Saturday. Tickets cost £10 for Sarah Thorne Theatre Club members and £12 for non-members, who must book at least 24 hours in advance.

To book call 0845 262 6263.

Mexican guitarist stars

ACCLAIMED Mexican guitarist Morgan Szymanski performs for Canterbury Guitar Society on Monday.

The versatile musician is at the Friends Meeting House in The Friars at 7.30pm. Tickets are £10/£7 on the door or send a SAE and cheque made payable to Canterbury Guitar Society to John Kemp, 55 South Street, Whitstable CT5 3EA.

Pampering for charity

LADIES are invited to an evening of pampering at St Laurence Parish Hall in Ramsgate on Saturday.

Indulge in a variety of beauty treatments and browse the stalls in aid of Breast Cancer Research. The fun starts at 7.30pm and tickets cost £2 including refreshments and raffle tickets. To book call 01843 592478.

Musical youth on stage

TALENTED youngsters perform in High School Musical 2 in Folkestone this week.

The Kidz on Stage Community Youth Project production runs at the Harvey Grammar School from tonight until Saturday. Tickets cost £10/£2 and a two-for-one offer is available on the opening night. To book call 0844 847 1776.

Folk legend at Stores

ICONIC singer-songwriter Michael Chapman will demonstrate his skills at the next Whitstable Folk Night.

Chapman, whose *Fully Qualified Survivor* was named album of the year by DJ John Peel in 1970, is at the Royal Native Oyster Stores at 7.30pm on Friday.

Tickets are £8/£6 from Rock Bottom Records or at www.wegotickets.com.

Bluegrass in boathouse

EXPERIENCE an evening of top bluegrass music when A Band Like Alice visits Upstreet, near Canterbury.

The London band, featuring Bob Winquist, one of the UK's leading bluegrass fiddle players, is at the Boathouse at the Grove Ferry Inn at 8.30pm on Friday. Tickets cost £8 and can be booked online at www.wegotickets.com.

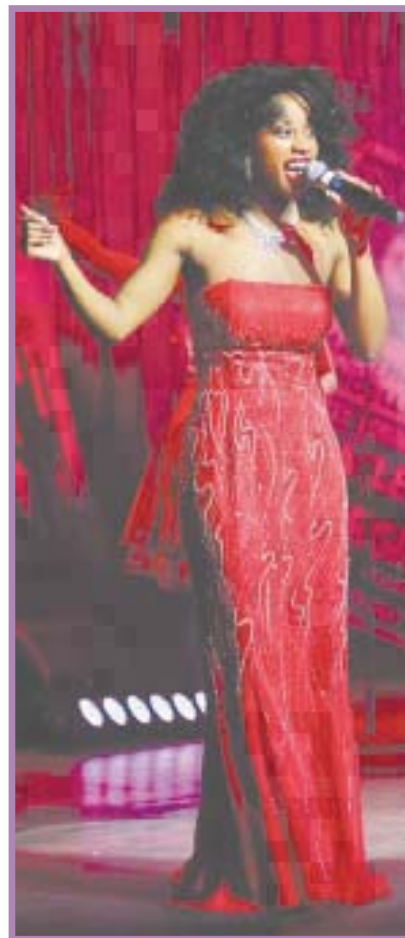
Evening with Crooner

SINGER Martin Croones presents an evening of easy listening music in Cheriton this weekend.

Covering songs by icons like Elvis Presley, Buddy Holly and Neil Sedaka, Croones will be at Cheriton Oddfellows Club at 8.30pm on Saturday. Find out more at www.freewebs.com/thecrooner or emailing thecrooner@talktalk.net.



Re-creating the Motown magic



THE MAGIC OF MOTOWN

Saturday, April 17,

Leas Cliff Hall, Folkestone.



EXPERIENCE the songs that changed the music world with *The Magic of Motown*.

When the music of stars like the Jackson Five, Stevie Wonder and Marvin Gaye began to emerge from Detroit in the early 60s, people all over the world discovered an exciting sound that would have fans dancing in the street.

Now, a Kent audience can step back in time and relive the thrill of that enchanting time.

This toe-tapping show features unforgettable songs from some all-time classic artists, including Diana Ross and the Supremes, the Four Tops, the Temptations, Martha Reeves, Smokey Robinson, Mary Wells and the Isley Brothers.

Many of the songs made famous by the world's most iconic record label will be featured, from *Signed, Sealed, Delivered* and *Stop in the Name of Love*, to *Why Do Fools Fall in Love*. Recapture precious memories or hear these great tunes played live for the very first time during this upbeat celebration.

My Girl became My Guy when Magic of Motown singer Natasha Burnett stepped into some very big shoes. The talented performer plays Diana Ross, but last year she found herself taking on an unexpected additional role – Michael Jackson.

"The first time I performed as Michael was on the night we learned he had passed away," Burnett said.

"We hastily rehearsed a version of Michael's hit *Ben* as an extra special tribute and it was decided I could hit the high notes better than any other member of the cast."

Since then, Burnett has been playing the young Jackson as a member of the Jackson 5,

belting out their timeless hits like *ABC*, *I'll Be There* and *I Want You Back*. Her performances have been so authentic that many audiences have not spotted that this young man is actually a highly-gifted young woman.

"Our production's Michael Jackson has had an unfair advantage when it comes to hitting the young Michael's famed high notes," said show producer, Michael Taylor.

"We didn't feel the necessity to spoil the illusion and there hasn't been a murmur about it on the grapevine. In fact, Natasha's additional role would have remained our little secret, had a radio station not asked for an interview!"

Burnett has been performing on stage from the age of 15, and has also appeared on the big screen, including a role in the film *Children of Man* with Clive Owen and Michael Caine.

The 23-year-old has been playing Diana Ross with consummate skill, as well as Martha Reeves, Gladys Knight and Mary Wells.

"It's a job any girl would die for," she said. "With 16 costume changes, I get to wear the most amazing frocks every night and get paid for the privilege. Fortunately, I restrict my portrayal of Diana Ross to my onstage performance, so the guys need not be concerned that I have any diva tendencies."

With a cast of highly-talented singers and musicians, *The Magic of Motown* claims to offer a different experience every time.

"Our Michael Jackson tribute is a glowing example of how our show can respond and adapt to suit any audience and any situation," Taylor said.

"Other productions can't present anything other than what's rehearsed. Our stars delight in interacting with the audience and adapting to please. No two shows are ever the same."

The show starts at 7.30pm and tickets cost £19.50/£17.50. To book call the box office on 0844 847 1776 or go online at www.leascliffhall.org.uk.

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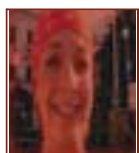
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Families can enjoy the wonderful scenery of the Wealden countryside and Rother Valley, along with the attractions on offer at the various stations.

The ticket price includes a return ride from Tenterden on a steam or diesel train, taking passengers along the 10.5-mile

journey to Bodiam Station. There are five stations on the line, but passengers are encouraged to board at the main stations – Tenterden, Northiam or Bodiam.

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THE SOLID SILVER 60S SHOW

Thursday, April 15, Leas Cliff Hall, Folkestone



CELEBRATE the best of British music when The Solid Silver 60s Show brings a stellar line-up to Kent.

For its 25th anniversary tour, the production has assembled a fantastic bill of iconic bands including special guests The Troggs. Kent-based group Vanity Fare, pictured will also perform in this evening of nostalgic musical entertainment.

With their hit songs such as Wild Thing and Love Is All Around, The Troggs – whose line-up includes two founder members, front man Reg Presley and lead guitarist Chris Britton – continue to delight audiences.

During the 60s, the Swinging Blue Jeans were one of the most famous bands of the Merseybeat era. Dave Berry scored hits with Mama and much-covered The Crying Game, while Mike Pender was the original voice of The Searchers.

Brian Poole achieved a number of top five hits with The Tremeloes and Peter Sarstedt topped the charts with his Ivor Novello Award-winner, Where Do You Go To (My Lovely).

The show starts at 7.30pm and tickets cost £26.50/£24.50. Book at www.leascliffhall.org.uk or call the box office on 0844 8471776.

DAD RULES – ANDREW CLOVER



Saturday, April 17
Gulbenkian Theatre, Canterbury

THE magic and madness of fatherhood is explored in hilarious style by comedian Andrew Clover.

Based on his popular Sunday Times column, Dad Rules sees Clover blend stand-up comedy with anecdotes from his experiences as a parent. Once terrified of children, Clover morphed into a contented dad with three wonderful young daughters, but still has a lot to learn.

With five acclaimed Edinburgh Festival shows under his belt and a nomination for the former Perrier Award, Clover has shown his comic credentials. From his early morning struggles to generation gaps and his desire to avoid turning into his own father, Clover's observations are funny, captivating and heart-warming.

Dad Rules also inspired a bestselling book, which is now available in paperback. As well as being a successful comedian and writer, Clover is also an actor who has appeared in My Almost Famous Family and Ashes to Ashes.

The show, which is suitable for over-14s, starts at 7.45pm and tickets cost £12/£10. Book online at www.gulbenkiantheatre.co.uk or call the box office on 01227 769075.



WAY UP STREAM

Wednesday, April 21, to Saturday, April 24,
Granville Theatre, Ramsgate



A BOATING holiday takes a sinister turn in Alan Ayckbourn's popular play, Way Up Stream.

Broadstairs Dickens Players present their production of the story, which will be adjudicated for the Kent Drama Festival on the Thursday.

When business partners Keith and Alistair take their wives away on a boating holiday, they should be looking forward to a restful time. But once aboard the cabin cruiser, it becomes apparent that both marriages are under strain and impending union problems add business woes to the mix.

After receiving updates about the crisis, Keith decides to leave the boat to tackle the problem while Alistair continues with his holiday. When he grounds the boat, a stranger, Vince, comes to their rescue and takes control of the vessel, much to the joy of Keith's wife, June. When Vince's girlfriend also joins the party, things take a very strange turn indeed.

Performances start at 7.30pm and tickets cost £9/£8. To book call the box office on 01843 591750. For more information visit the website at www.granvilletheatre.com.



CONCERT FOR SARA

Saturday, April 17, Theatre Royal Margate



THE life of a beautiful young woman is celebrated with a concert in memory of Sara Bakri.

Held in aid of the Children's Liver Disease Foundation and Rethink, the show will pay tribute to Sara (pictured), a gifted dancer who died last year at the age of just 21, and the event will feature performances by many of her friends.

She danced at the Page-Mason School in Broadstairs and Hasland in Herne Bay, both of which will take part in the show, as well as the Year 11 B'Tech Dance Group at the Charles Dickens School which benefited from Sara's help.

The bill also features dancers Rebekka Bowling, Michael Gunn, Kallum Hopper and Louise Dempster, along with Keiron Stone's band, Morning Departure.

Other performers include flautist Lydia Pearson and pianist Neal Osgood, several members of musical family, the Martins, comedy sketch duo The Spring Chix, comedians Greg Holmes and Alan Mitchell and singer Lexi Lea. Sara's brother Nadim and Louise Dempster will be MCs.

The show starts at 7.30pm and tickets cost £8/£6. To book call 0845 130 1786 or 01227 787787 or visit www.theatreroyal-margate.com.



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THE ART OF THE MATTER 27-year-old female, 5'6", medium-curved build, N/S, enjoys reading, painting, cinema, walks, WLTW, tall, attractive male, 23-32, for friendship, maybe LTR. Box 442644 **E**

STEP UP TO THE OCHE WITH ME! Blue-eyed brunette, 27, 5'11", likes films, walking, darts, pool, singing, me time! Looking for honest guy with GSOH, to get to know. Box 880105 **E**

FANCY A CUDDLE? Loving single mum, 29, shoulder length black hair, brown eyes, 5'13", slim and sexy, part-time carer, looking for reliable, loving male. Canterbury. Box 464326 **E**

IS ANYONE OUT THERE? 31yr old easygoing, independent female, WLTW, single lady to enjoy the finer things in life with, leading to LTR with the right person. Box 879331 **E**

COULD I BE THE ONE? Single mum, 33, divorced, looking to meet a male who enjoys walks, going out, time in and out and much more. Maidstone. Box 464635 **E**

HORSES FOR COURSES... Caring, loving, affectionate female, 30, 5'2", blonde, likes walking, horse riding, animals, seeks affectionate male, 30-40, for lasting, loving relationship. Box 384013 **E**

HAPPY DAYS! Attractive, fun-loving female, 35, size 12, dark hair with blonde highlights, tactile, WLTW intelligent, professional, attractive guy, for a happy relationship. Tunbridge Wells. Box 308734 **E**

SHREK'S APPEAL! Princess Fiona, 34, looking to meet her Shrek. 5'8", short brown/blonde hair, blue eyes, large build, seeks romantic caring guy for friendship, maybe more! Box 877957 **E**

FOOTLOOSE AND FANCY FREE Curvy brunette, 35, with green eyes, 5'3", no ties, looking for an affectionate, and caring non-smoking guy to put the sparkle back into my life. Ashford/Canterbury area please. Box 461938 **E**

TERMS OF ENDEARMENT Mum of 2, 35, WLTW genuine, honest, kind, down to earth guy interested in working towards loving relationship. Must like children and live in Kent! Box 865131 **E**

FEAST YOUR EYES ON ME... Hello I'm Andrea, 35, petite 5'3", shoulder length curly hair. I enjoy eating out, cinema and I'm looking for friendship and possible long term relationship. Box 453039 **E**

SEALED WITH A KISS Petite lady, 36, long hair, blue eyes, single mum, enjoys holidays, wine and dining, laughing, seeks loyal, loving man for friendship and more. Box 453079 **E**

GROW OLD WITH ME Single mum, 37yrs old, slim build, honest, kind and caring. I'm looking for LTR, love and romance with nice guy in Maidstone area. Box 860164 **E**

LOVE TO LOVE YOU Lovely female, 36, 5'4", medium/large build, blonde hair, blue eyes, own house, loves walking, going out, the usual! Seeking male for long-term/serious relationship. Box 438102 **E**

PUT A SMILE ON MY FACE Mum of three, 38, long mousey hair, blue eyes, interested in historical places, music, eating out, seeks kind, caring, genuine male, 36-43, non-smoker, for LTR. Box 440693 **E**

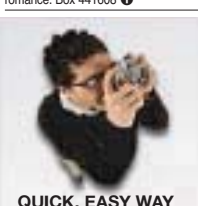
MAGIC IN MARGATE Loving female, 36, 5'4", brown hair, green eyes, likes socialising, staying in, seeks genuine male for friendship and more. Box 428666 **E**

FAMILY LIFE Fun to be with woman, 39, I love life, drinks in, walks, family life etc. Looking for a similar man in the Canterbury area. Box 467392 **E**

FAMILY ORIENTATED Eastbourne based woman, 39, 5'8", slim/medium build. I'm a single mum, and enjoy cooking, music, family life. If you like the same, get in touch! Box 464034 **E**

CUTE AS CAN BE Cute single mum of four, 38, Kent-based, into most things, looking for friendship, possibly romance. Box 897983 **E**

SHOW ME HEAVEN Black lady, 38yr old, enjoys swimming, films and bird watching. Fairly new to the area. With a male for friendship and maybe romance. Box 441608 **E**



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DON'T LET ME DOWN Pretty, black female, 38, 5'4", like football, socialising and cooking, looking for a loving and caring male, 38-42, for a LTR. Box 446684 **E**

HAPPINESS, THE GREATEST GIFT... Shy female, 40, 5'9", blue eyes, short blonde hair, medium build, loves going out, wine and dining, holidays; seeking likeable gentleman to be happy with. Box 446763 **E**

A NICE BOTTLE OF WINE Lovely, glossy brunette, 39yr old, petite, bubbly and loving, enjoys theatre, music and eating out, with a professional, loving and tactile male for a relationship. Box 442551 **E**

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MANY INTERESTS Hi, I'm based in Ashford and I'm looking for a nice guy in the area. I'm a single mum, 42 and enjoy cooking, and cosy nights. Box 468148 **E**

NEW TO THIS Attractive single mum of 2, 43yrs old, 5'11", medium build, GSOH, likes cooking, spending time with family & animals. WLTW fun loving, kind, genuine man. Kent. Box 855182 **E**

DOES THIS SOUND LIKE YOU? Single mum, 42, from Ashford, 5'9", dark hair/eyes, likes wine bars, pubs, days out and keeping fit, looking for a caring and fun-loving gent, 5'9+-. Box 461129 **E**

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ANOTHER CHAPTER Hard working PA, 43, single mum, grey-green-blue eyes, loves socialising and enjoying life, seeks loyal, honest male to find love with. Sittingbourne. Box 461037 **E**

GET CLOSE Funny, cheerful lady, 44, 5'6", curly hair, very social, likes walks and pubs. Looking for a cuddly and outgoing man for a close relationship. Faversham. Box 467518 **E**

HOW YOU DOING? Attractive, curvy single mum, 44, kind, genuine, loyal and loving, seeking a man with similar qualities to share my life with. St Leonards-on-Sea. Box 459128 **E**

LIVE LIFE TO THE FULL Good-looking brunette from Kent, 43, 5'10", likes bowling, eating in/out etc. Looking for a good-looking guy, 35-45, with gsoh for friendship/relationship. Box 450348 **E**

GENUINE REPLIES ONLY Bubbly female, 44, brunette, n/s, medium/large build, enjoys singing and theatre. Would love to meet a decent fun-loving guy, similar age, pref non-smoker for LTR. Box 445955 **E**

COME ON OVER Fun-loving girl, 47, dark hair/eyes, attractive, looking for a similar male to enjoy nights out and good conversation. Rainham. Box 854480 **E**

WHY WAIT? Single curvy mum of three, 46, dark hair and blue eyes, GSOH, loves animals, socialising, seeking a similar and romantic man. Tunbridge Wells. Box 467997 **E**

POSSIBLE LTR African lady, full figured and radiant! I'm a Christian, 46, 5'8", attractive, caring and intelligent and enjoy jazz, travel, theatre, WLTW decent, white male, Gillingham. Box 466617 **E**

NOTHING VENTURED... Humble lady, 47, GSOH, down to earth, non-smoker, enjoys life, likes meals and days out, seeks a life-loving guy to enjoy a meal with. Rochester. Box 466286 **E**

GENIE IN A BOTTLE Slim blue-eyed blonde, 47, 5'4", animal lover with no ties, very sociable, non-smoker, loves the countryside, seeking easygoing companion and soulmate. Box 468120 **E**

ENJOY LIFE TO THE FULL Young-looking 46yr old female, 5'4", slim, blonde, non-smoker, affectionate, loyal, caring, seeking a male, 40-45, up to 5'10", to share life with. Ashford/Maidstone area please. Box 461938 **E**

YOUNG AT HEART Young 46, attractive, fun-loving female, looking for fit, handsome, intelligent, full of fun, sexy, worldly man to share everything that life has to offer. Box 884113 **E**

ARE YOU THE ONE FOR ME? Caring, cute female, 46, petite, likes socialising, dancing, travelling, good food, seeking intelligent, loyal man 42-52 for love and TLC. Seaford. Box 444366 **E**

HELP ME OPEN UP Easygoing lady, 46, dark brown hair/blue eyes, medium build, likes life, socialising, the seaside, walks, drinks, WLTW male to share a bottle of wine with. Box 444585 **E**

NORMAL GAL Female, 48, divorced and happy, 5'10", looking for genuine man, laughter, sincerity, smart, kind, tall honest man, age under 49 and over 30 a must. Maidstone. Box 866380 **E**

A REAL DIAMOND African lady, 47, honest, loving and caring, enjoy most things in life, looking for a male, 50+, for a LTR. Canterbury Box 460999 **E**

MAKE IT ENJOYABLE Pretty, young-looking, slender woman, 49, dark-haired seeks reliable gentleman, 25-49 for a loving relationship. Rochester. Box 460886 **E**

DREAM LOVER Petite blonde, young 49, loving, caring, enjoy music, walking, theatre dining in/out, looking for friendship and more with a genuine, caring and honest man. Rochester. Box 854822 **E**

ANY TAKERS? Divorced single mum, 49, 5'4", animal lover, happy go lucky, likes quiet drinks and cinema, looking for a man for friendship, maybe a LTR. Ashford. Box 464557 **E**

GETTING TO KNOW YOU Slim blonde, 51, 5'3", very caring, active, loves diy and gardening, with a man with similar interests to get to know better. Sheerness. Box 467112 **E**

DON'T PASS ME BY Petite brunette, 51, 5'1", likes live music, pubs and socialising, gosh, seeking a like-minded male for a serious relationship. Hastings. Box 467807 **E**

HERE AND NOW Outgoing lady, 50, enjoys walks along the beach, nights out and in with a quiet bottle of wine, seeks man to love forever. Box 449254 **E**

JUST IMAGINE Petite, brunette, bubbly, friendly, easygoing single mum, 49, enjoys cinema, eating out, socialising, most things, WLTW genuine male, to see where life takes us! Box 835662 **E**

CARING & PROFESSIONAL Female 49, 5'4", tall hair, slim build, likes eating out, the beach, travel, seeks a friendly chap, 48-55. Hastings. Box 471100 **E**

LOVELY BUBBLY Short 5'1yr old professional lady, likes history, films and reading, seeking a genuine gent, 45-58, with gsoh to enjoy evenings out, stimulating conversations and fun. Box 452311 **E**

IT COULD BE US Happy-go-lucky lady, 53, 5'3", slim, blonde-brown hair, blue eyes looking for a tall, honest guy, for love and laughter and happy times. South Kent. Box 464601 **E**

LOVE AND LAUGHTER AND HAPPY TIMES Petite woman, 53, with blonde/brown hair and blue eyes, 5'3", enjoy socialising, walking, cinema and generally having fun with a tall, honest man. Gillingham. Box 858610 **E**

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SMART MOVE Spontaneous, friendly, lively female, 55, likes cinema, walking, cooking, socialising, seeks similar person for friendship leading to hopefully more. Box 430854 **E**

LET'S SEE WHAT HAPPENS! Smart petite lady, 56, 5'4", tall, blonde hair, green eyes, likes restaurants, theatre, cinema, travel abroad; seeking happy guy with similar interests. Box 446786 **E**

QUALITY TIME 55 year old lady, 5'6", blonde hair, blue eyes, GSOH, quite fit, enjoys the outdoors, lots of walking, politics, family time with the right man. Box 848381 **E**

MUSIC TO MY EARS Hi my name's Christine, 59, 5'9", slim build, wear glasses, likes live music, theatre, playing darts, looking for slim build male, for friendship, possible more. Box 419914 **E**

WALKS ALONG THE COAST Honest & sincere female, 58, tall, GSOH, loves country pubs, coasts, cinema, seeking a man who's a match for me with GSOH for relationship. Box 441622 **E**

DREAMS OF YOU Genuine, caring lady, late 50s, slim & young looking, looking for a loyal, considerate, N/S male for long term relationship. Box 448566 **E**

LOTS OF HUGS Positive woman, 60, independent but sociable, I'm 5'4", red hair/green eyes, slim build. Hythe. I enjoy art and walks, seeking similar intelligent man, lively, reliable. Box 464002 **E**

HOMELY LADY Easygoing lady, 61, 5'11", walks, cosy nights, pubs, meals etc. I'm hoping to meet someone for friendship, and then well see. Folkestone. Box 466963 **E**

WHAT'S LIFE WITHOUT LOVE? Very bubbly and outgoing, bright, positive Gillingham lady, 61, lived abroad and considered intelligent, but very lonely! How about a drink? Box 468274 **E**

BRIGHTENING UP Cuddly lady, 61, 5'8", blonde, likes swimming, country pubs, cinema and much more. WLTW tallish single man to hopefully brighten each others lives. Box 870214 **E**

BE YOURSELF Outgoing lady, active, 60, tolerant, open-minded, loves life animals, and genuine people, seeks a sincere man for romance. Margate. Box 865760 **E**

OUTGOING LADY Young looking lady, 62, 5'6", blonde hair/hazel eyes. I have GSOH and like music, bowls, cinema country pubs. WLTW man, 55-65 for friendship and more. Canterbury. Box 468269 **E**

SIMPLE PLEASURES Hi there, I'm a 61yr old lady, blonde hair/green eyes, medium build. I love dancing, walking by the sea and WLTW like minded gent. Box 459467 **E**

LOVE ME DO Loving and caring lady, 63, 5'3", brown hair/eyes, likes most things in life, looking for a caring and considerate male for friendship, hopefully a LTR. Margate. Box 468082 **E**

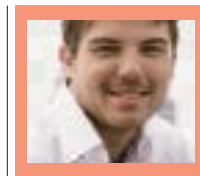
START A NEW CHAPTER 64 year old widow, 5'8", slim and fit, active and healthy, likes walks, theatre, gardening a social woman seeking similar non-smoking gent in Canterbury area. Box 467844 **E**

LIFE IS GOOD! Slim, attractive lady, 65, enjoy outdoors pursuits, dog walking, socialising and music, lots of time and to give to the right person. Maidstone. Box 466936 **E**

Women seeking women
MY HEART TO YOU 37 year old gay female from Kent, dark brown eyes, dark hair, loves the outdoors and fresh air, gardening, DIY, seeks feminine lady for love. Box 467298 **E**

LOVE TO LOVE Easygoing female, 40, blue eyes, blonde hair, medium build, likes wine, dining, socialising, holidays, walks cinema; seeking like-wise female for companionship and more. Box 446953 **E**

FOLLOW YOUR HEART Quiet sincere lady, 55, animal lover, likes history, reading, gardening and countryside, seeks lady with similar interests. Rochester. Box 465922 **E**



MEN seeking women

COME ON OVER Hi, dear 25 year old male, 6ft, loves watching movies, football and adventures. Looking for female for friendship and relationship. Chatham. Box 848292 **E**

SOMETHING OUT OF THE ORDINARY 28yr old guy, 6ft, dark hair, multi-coloured eyes, random sohi, likes music, spending time with friends, sport, seeking a quirky girl to share life with. Tonbridge. Box 456800 **E**

TAKE A CHANCE Happy-go-lucky guy, 30, slim, brown hair/green eyes, likes rock music, gigs and pubs, looking for a female, 35-30, for good times and possible LTR. Box 466789 **E**

FOR LOVE Hard-working male, 29, 5'10", dark hair, brown eyes, medium build, plays harder! likes going/eating out, walks, pubs, loves life, seeking similar happy, trustworthy lady. Box 442752 **E**

ENJOY EACH OTHERS COMPANY 34yr old chap, I'm a single dad, and I'm hoping to meet someone special, hopefully a kind, laid back, loving lady. Chatham. Box 468225 **E**

IS ANYBODY OUT THERE? Fit, active man, I'm single, good looking, 40yrs old. I like cinema, walks, and eating in and out. Ashford area. Box 465467 **E**

BOTTLE OF WINE Hi there, I'm an easygoing male, 35, 5'8", medium build, brown hair, I'm based in Brighton and enjoy seeing friends, drinks, cinema, walks. Box 450165 **E**

CAN YOU PUT UP WITH ME? Hi all I'm 37, 6ft, blue eyes, brown hair and medium build, great cook and SOH, seeking similar lady to take out. Box 451503 **E**

MAKE ME SMILE AGAIN Seeking genuine lady, I'm a 38yr old male, 5'8", dark hair/blue eyes. I work hard and play hard, would like to enjoy spare time with partner. Box 449649 **E**

THE GOOD LIFE Young looking male, 39, quiet guy, looking for a LTR, want to relax and enjoy life together, with the right woman. Box 858113 **E**

FUN & OUTGOING? Young at heart 44yr old male, stocky build, 5'10", Kent-based, father, honest and down-to-earth, likes music, nights in, walking the dog. seeks genuine lady. Box 851804 **E**

BIG ATTRACTIVE GUY Gillingham male, 43, 6'2", blue eyes, dark hair, confident, relaxed, divorced, two grown-up kids, a chef, works hard, loves soul music, seeks soulmate! Box 465158 **E**

GO! A GOOD SENSE OF HUMOUR! Malcolm, 43, dark-haired, 5'10", spent a long time on the shelf so looking for chats, friendship and maybe more with a film and music fan. Box 451561 **E**

LET'S BUILD A ROMANCE Hello, I'm Simon 43, single man in Kent own a construction co. Muscular build, blue-eyed, ruggedly handsome. Looking for a honest and genuine lady. Box 453322 **E**

GOOD LOOKING BLOKE Tall man medium build, 44, 5'9", brown hair/eyes, with an outgoing nature, looking for a female similar to myself with long hair. Box 871274 **E**

THE REAL THING Happy-go-lucky, fun-loving male, 42, 5'9", brown eyes, medium build, likes nights out, with a can of coke, seeking similar female for companionship. Box 441762 **E**

A SUMMER WALK Loving, caring and reliable, single male, 45, 5'6", dark hair/blue eyes. I'm seeking a relationship with loving lady 34-56. I like holidays, theatre, music etc. Ashford. Box 465408 **E**

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THE POWER OF LOVE Brighton male, 45, 5'11", dark hair/eyes, enjoy drinking, socialising, movies, nights in, cooking and clubbing, seeking a lady with similar interests for love. Box 467735 **E**

MUSIC LOVER Richard here, I'm 45, very loving, and I like holidays, listening to music, theatre, cooking, cinema, museums and restaurants. You? Ashford. Box 467883 **E**

LOOKING FOR LOVE? Easygoing guy with wicked SOH, 45, 5'11", slim-medium build, blue eyes and fair hair, loves animals, pubs and more, seeks loving lady for romance. E Sussex. Box 468369 **E**

CHEEK TO CHEEK Hard working gent, 45, slim, 6ft, looking for full time relationship with a cinema, bowling and film lover! Gillingham. Box 468396 **E**

GET TO KNOW ME Male, 46, medium build, easygoing, gosh, honest, caring, 5'8", likes walking, reading, visiting places of interest with a similar lady who is honest. Chatham. Box 851230 **E**

EASY TO LOVE Margate male, 46, tall and slim, easy-going, enjoy cinema, socialising and sport, looking for a decent lady, 40-55, for friendship and maybe a LTR. Box 468189 **E**

BIG DEAL IN DEAL Warm, tactile male, 45, 6ft, likes socialising, pubs, clubs, cosy nights in, seeks like minded female, for friendship, leading to more. Box 388967 **E**

WITTY ACTIVE, adventurous, articulate male, 43, own home/car, enjoys shopping, good food, country walks, music, most things. seeks homely, warm, trusting female. Box 408508 **E**

CAN'T SMILE WITHOUT YOU Carpenter with own house, 47, looking for a LTR, single mothers are welcome! Loves family life, cooking and beach walks. Box 449274 **E**

MEET YOUR MATCH! Slim single dad, 47, works full time, looking for a slim/medium build lady, 25-50, children not a problem. Hobbies include, fishing, football, diy and cooking. Dover. Box 462630 **E**

NEW BEGINNING Sincere genuine man, 47, 5'9", cropped hair, blue eyes, clean shaven, divorced, looking to meet a nice woman to get to know/take out. Eastbourne. Box 449554 **E**

LOVE AND TRUST Honest, caring man, 50, 5'11", likes cinema, country side, beach walks, meals out, restaurants, looking for honest, caring, lady, 45-55, Medway area. Box 852889 **E**

ALL THE FUN OF THE FAIR! Youthful dad, 45, 5'10", brown hair, med build, divorcee, likes pubs, cinema, restaurants, theme parks, wltm female, 36-45, slim, for possible LTR. Cranbrook. Box 737529 **E**

MOVING ON... Young 52, I'm a caring male with a GSOH. I enjoy sport, music and eating out, and I would like to meet a similar lady. Rochester. Box 467398 **E**

DEAL OR NO DEAL? Fit and active man, 52, 5'7", slim build, smart dresser, likes cycling, walking, theatre, poetry and film, WLTW a like-minded slim female, 35-55 with gsoh. Deal. Box 459706 **E**

FIT LADY WANTED Canterbury area. I'm male, 54, 5'9", fit and active, attractive. I'm outgrowing with a GSOH and enjoy meals out, nights in, animals, female company! Box 464416 **E**

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The Shouting Men stars Matt Daniel-Baker and Warren Llabias, Dudley Sutton and Craig Fairbrass, with cameo appearances come from John Barnes and Peter Beardsley.

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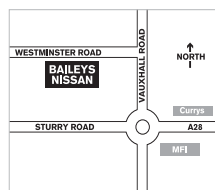
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MOTORS NEWS



Green sportster shows promise ahead of rivals

IT could be that despite the green credentials of petrol-electric hybrids, their best deployment might be the sporting sector.

The instant pulling power of the electric motors can give the performance edge needed for the adrenalin rush would-be buyers crave.

Honda is first to the market with a green sportster, the CR-Z, due in June and priced from a not unreasonable £17,000. It also promises to be an exciting drive, particularly as the first hybrid on sale in the UK with a manual gearbox.



KITT beats the 'Gene Genie' to TV favourite

TWO TV motoring icons and their TV series are back onscreen – Gene Hunt's Audi Quattro (Ashes to Ashes) and KITT (Knight Rider).

Both also appear in a Kwik-Fit poll to find the public's top 10 TV cars.

KITT was top, followed by: 2) Insp Morse's Jaguar MkII, 3) Ferrari Testarossa from Miami Vice, 4) Magnum PI's Ferrari 308, 5) Batmobile, 6) Gene Hunt's Quattro (pictured), 7) Lady Penelope's Rolls, 8) Dukes of Hazzard's General Lee, 9) The Saint's Volvo and 10) A-Team's GMC van.



Jaguar just purrs along during economic gloom

JAGUAR is making light of the sluggish UK economy – it doubled sales of its sleek XF executive car in March against March 2009.

Sales of all Jaguars are also more than one per cent up for the month, not bad when it was effectively a two-model brand – the junior X-Type model was axed in late 2009, and the all-new XJ is not on sale until May. The surge has been helped by the improved diesel power of the XF (£29,900) complementing the car's sports saloon lines.



MUCH BETTER BY DESIGN: Citroën improved their C3 supermini this year by giving it a classier look and a larger car feel plus an eye-catching Zenith panoramic front screen

Citroën C3 targeting a more discerning small car market

CITROËN launched a vastly improved C3 supermini model earlier this year.

Despite a cuddly, egg-shaped design evoking the brand's classic 2CV, I thought the previous car pretty average.

However, friendly imagery and occasionally bonkers discounting helped blind motoring Francophiles to the car's cramped cabin, sloppy driving characteristics and poor build.

But Citroën must have seen that would-be downsizers and generally more discerning consumers would not be so short-sighted this time.

So the new car (from £10,790) looks and feels much classier and able to deliver a larger car feel for those who really are trading a family hatchback or something bigger in favour of this little five-door supermini.

We tested the car via Wilmoths Citroën at Maidstone where general sales manager Kelvin Clayton was quick to defend the old car yet promote its successor:

"You've got to remember that the original C3 came out seven years ago and things have moved fast in the industry and at Citroën, but it has been a good seller for us and will continue to offer value as a used buy. The new car takes us to a new level and we expect to do well with it."

ROAD TEST CITROËN C3

■ BY STEVE LOADER

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Driving appeal	★★★★★
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The test car was an upmarket 1.4 Exclusive with a lively 95bhp VTi 16v petrol engine (£14,090), with interior chroming, leather trimmings and auto climate and cruise controls.

But it also had the eye-catching Zenith panoramic front screen – the new C3's trademark. This is standard on all but the VT entry model and comes with a neat pull-down interior 'roof' and sun visors.

It's a stylish luxury touch to the C3 range and defines its more upmarket stance this time.

There is little disappointment on the move either, with a better balance of ride comfort and handling than before and the 1.4 engine is well-suited to the car, though there are 1.1 and 1.6-litre petrol alternatives plus 1.4 and 1.6 diesels.

My only criticism on the test was a slightly sloppy gearshift, which may irritate keen drivers. But there is so much more to like about this smarter and swifter C3.

It should be cheap to run too, with a range of frugal low emission engines plus a miserly ultra-eco Airdream version from £14,490.



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AS THE size of the average mortgage increases, so too does the need to protect your partner and your family against being left with a huge debt should the worst happen.

The death of the main breadwinner is bad enough without the added problem of where to find a four-figure mortgage payment each month. There are a number of ways in which you can protect yourself and your home, and I am being asked for advice from more and more clients who want to make sure they won't have to worry about losing their home as well as a loved one.

Term assurance is probably the simplest type of protection and often the cheapest. It simply pays out if the insured person dies and can either be on a level or a decreasing basis depending on the reason for the cover.

Critical illness cover is similar way but has the added benefit of paying out if the policy holder contracts one of a specified list of critical illnesses. These vary between companies, so make sure you compare not just the cost but the cover provided.

Family income benefit is a term assurance policy, with or without critical illness cover, that differs by paying out a monthly income for a set period rather than a lump sum.

This is often cheaper than a lump sum policy and it does away with the worry of having to invest a large sum of money at a time when the surviving family has more important concerns.

Permanent health insurance pays out a monthly income if you are unable to work due to accident or sickness. This is a long-term plan designed to continue to your retirement date or until you return to work and should not be confused with the short term accident, sickness and unemployment plans that have had so much bad press.

Make sure you get good independent advice and remember that if a life assurance policy is set up incorrectly you could end up with a big inheritance tax bill rather than the money going where you intended it to.

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Ombudsman's demand for lettings protection

Landlords and tenants would benefit from closure of legislative loopholes, says report

■ BY NICK AMES

THE Property Ombudsman is demanding that whichever party wins General Election urgently legislates to improve protection for both landlords and tenants who employ letting agents.

The call has been echoed by many across the property field who say action needs to be taken as soon as possible.

In his annual report, Ombudsman Christopher Hamer urges swift action because of the increasing activity in the lettings market during the downturn.

According to his report, the fact that letting agents were not covered by the provisions of the Consumers, Estate Agents and Redress Act is an "alarming inconsistency".

Mr Hamer also recommends that landlords and tenants only use agents who are members of a recognised trade association or any agent who is a member of the Property Ombudsman

scheme. LetAssured UK is one company active in this area.

"LetAssured UK has been specifically set up by landlords to protect themselves and other like-minded landlords from the unscrupulous activities of some letting agents," said managing director David Plaister.

"Landlords from across the UK have been joining with us in a move away from the traditional agents who have been rubbing their hands and watching the fees roll in."

The proportion of the Ombudsman's workload related to lettings disputes rose from 28 per cent to 49 per cent of his workload last year. LetAssured UK said it guarantees landlords and tenants peace of mind in knowing that they are dealing with a firm which meets defined standards of customer service and has the necessary insurance to protect their clients' money, plus a customer complaints procedure offering independent redress.

"LetAssured underpins the entire administrative procedure of renting property on behalf of the landlord, and he is safe in the knowledge there will be no hidden costs," said Mr Plaister.



FLOOD OF COMPLAINTS: Whoever wins the election will need to address inconsistencies in lettings legislation

Springing into action can increase chance of a sale

CONNELLS offices in Kent are enjoying one of their busiest periods since the start of the year and say the upward trend looks set to continue.

Staff say more properties are coming on the market and business is looking good.

"Our branches have had a busy few weeks with more properties coming on the market as people are encouraged by lower interest rates and the start of spring.

"Demand is continuing to outstrip supply and because of the lack of stock there are more people chasing the same property, which is driving prices up in some areas," said Connells regional managing director, Kevin Peel.

"Houses continue to sell as long as vendors are realistic in their expectations and their estate agent is prepared to work hard on

their behalf, using every opportunity to bring a property to the attention of as many buyers as possible."

Mr Peel said buyers could help by following a few simple tips: "First impressions count, so make sure your property has 'kerb appeal'. Paint the front door, tidy the garden and put up hanging baskets," he said.

"Make sure the home is clean, tidy and de-cluttered. Buyers are trying to picture themselves in your home, so get rid of junk and minimise personal possessions such as photos. Throw out anything that has been broken for a year or more. If you haven't mended it by now, chances are you never will."

Spring flowers in bloom make gardens particularly attractive, and spring cleaning adds to homes looking good, both inside and out, he added.

Association upset by new legislation

LANDLORDS' "worst fears" have been realised with new legislation covering houses in multiple occupation, it has been claimed by one of the bodies representing them.

The laws will see landlords required to gain planning permission if they purchase a property designed to be rented to three or more unrelated people. Alan Ward, chairman of the Residential Landlords' Association, criticised the legislation on two grounds.

"First, it is totally impractical," he said. "And second, it is social engineering, because planning law has never been about who can live where – it's about the use of the building."

Mr Ward said landlords were unlikely to wait for any administrative delays in planning permission being granted.

His comments come after PropertyEarth.net research indicated three-bedroom houses made up 57 per cent of all property searches by investors. Two-bedroom homes accounted for 21 per cent, and four-bedrooms 15 per cent.

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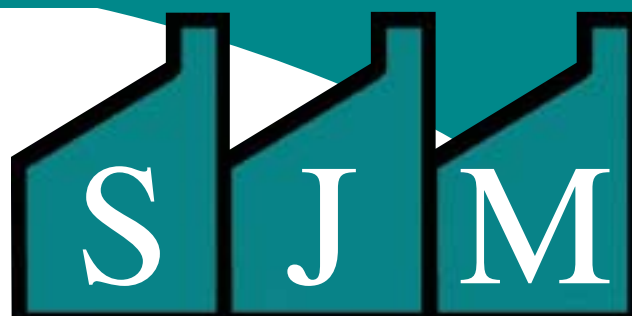
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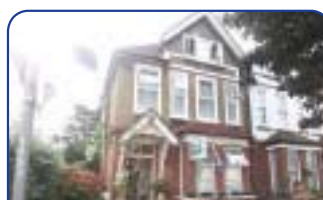
- 2 bedroom end terrace
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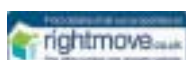
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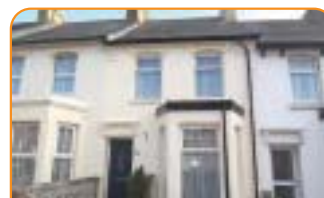
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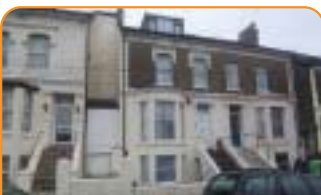
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- No chain



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- Double fronted
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RUGBY

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NARROW DEFEAT: Blair Charge (pictured) scored two tries in the top of the table clash

Dover lose out to last gasp penalty

Gravesend 22 Dover 20

LONDON 1 South champions Gravesend dented Dover's hopes of securing a play-off spot as they condemned the Sharks to a narrow defeat at the weekend.

Dover started well and took the lead early on through Blair Charge. The full-back took advantage of a knock-on and stormed across the line for the first try of the afternoon, although he missed the conversion.

The visitors were reduced to 14 men following a nasty off-the-ball tackle, but it didn't stop them taking the lead minutes later. Dover's defence was breached with a swift attacking move and the league champions kicked the conversion to move into the lead.

Gravesend scored next and extended their lead with a try from a line-out deep in the 22.

Dover upped their game and levelled just after the half-hour mark through Charge. Parity didn't last long as Gravesend added a third try and a penalty to take a seven-point lead.

A penalty from Charge cut the deficit and a try from Ricky Mackintosh saw Dover take the lead. With 11 minutes of injury time, Gravesend kept pushing forward and they snatched the win with a stunning 35-metre penalty.

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PROMOTION HOPES: Nicky Southall, left, helped Dover secure their place in the play-offs, but the Whites will be without defender Daniel Leach, right, who was recalled by Barnet



Picture: SIMON HARRIS

In-form Whites are all set for thrills of the play-offs

FOOTBALL

BY TOM HOWARD

Dover Athletic 2

Southall 9, Moore 90

Weymouth 0



Dover Athletic starting XI



Subs used: Marsh (Rogers 75 mins)

DOVER Athletic secured their place in the Blue Square South play-offs after recording their eighth consecutive win against already relegated Weymouth on Saturday.

Goals in each half from Nicky Southall and Sammy Moore secured a comfortable win and ensured Dover will have an extension to their season and chance of promotion to the Blue Square Premier through the play-offs.

On Saturday, Dover started brightly and took the lead with nine minutes on the clock through Southall. A 30-yard free-kick from the former Gillingham player evaded strikers Adam Birchall and Shaun Welford before nestling into the bottom corner of the net.

Andy Hessenthaler's side dominated the game and Birchall and Welford both went close to extending the lead early in the second-half. However, the three points were wrapped up in the dying minutes when Moore's diving header from a Southall cross flew into the top corner.

A delighted Hessenthaler said: "It's pleasing as we have achieved what we set out to do at the start of the season. We didn't really envis-

age ourselves fighting for the title as it is only our first year in the division for some time. Now we have got a play-off spot I want us to go on and win the play-offs now."

The club were dealt a blow before the game when they got news defender Daniel Leach had been recalled from his loan spell by parent club Barnet.

Only last week, the League Two club announced both Leach and midfielder Joe Tabiri, also on-loan at Dover, would stay at the club for the remainder of the season. But an injury to Barnet centre-half Gary Breen forced manager Ian Hendon to call Leach back.

With two league games and the play-offs remaining, Hessenthaler admitted the loss of

Leach is a blow, but believes he has defenders capable of stepping up.

Hessenthaler said: "It is a blow as he has been excellent since he joined us. He gave us that extra height in the area and I like to think he has gone back to Barnet an improved player. I know Barnet manager Ian Hendon really well and he wouldn't have called him back unless he really needed him. We have still got options at the back with Dean Hill and Jake Leberl. Craig Cloke, who did very well on Saturday, can also play there."

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Cugley praises hot-shot striker for lifting Invicta

FOOTBALL

BY DAVID PRITCHARD

Whitstable Town 1

Lloyd 58

Folkestone Invicta 3

Cass 12 & 80, Smith pen 19

NEIL Cugley believes Brendon Cass has provided his Folkestone Invicta side with a boost at just the right time in their promotion push.

The striker made it seven goals in nine league games since joining from Chatham Town last month, after scoring a brace to see off Whitstable Town on Saturday.

The Seaside's success this season has been based around a rock solid defence, but Cass' arrival has given them an extra cutting edge up front. Cugley is delighted the switch has paid off.

He said: "It was hard to get it sorted out when he came because of the financial problems at the club. Obviously it's proven to be a nice one for us. Originally it was just short term but we've carried it on. He's taking his chances, they've not always been great goals but they all count and our biggest problem this season has been not scoring enough goals.

"Having Brendon around has helped a lot. If



STAR: Boss Neil Cugley is delighted with Brendon Cass' form

we hadn't got him in I don't think we'd be anywhere near as high in the league because we'd have run out of numbers. On Saturday we didn't have Simon Austin or Pete Williams, so without Brendon we'd have struggled to put a quality side out."

With Ryman South leaders Croydon opening up a four-point lead last week, Invicta could ill-afford a slip-up at relegation-threatened Whitstable.

A potential banana skin, the trip to the Belmont was made much more straightforward as the visitors took a 2-0 lead inside 20

Folkestone Invicta starting XI



Subs used: Guiver (Burchell 85), Sargeant (Jackson 85), Henson (J Everitt 90)

minutes. Cass scored the first with a shot which deflected wickedly past Oystermen goalkeeper Kevin Fewell. Darren Smith added the second from the penalty spot after Dave Cory was penalised for a handball.

Whitstable pulled a goal back just before the hour to make life uncomfortable for Folkestone, but Cass' second of the afternoon ten minutes from time sealed victory.

It was the first of four games in a potentially decisive eight days for Invicta, who visit Walton & Hersham tomorrow ahead of a trip to Ramsgate on Saturday. They hosted Whyteleafe last night, log on to www.your-shepway.co.uk for the details.

If they come through those tests with their title ambitions still intact it would set up a mouth-watering clash with Croydon at Cheriton Road next Tuesday. There should be a bumper crowd for the game after Invicta made it free entry as part of a tribute to Rifleman Peter Aldridge, who died on duty in Afghanistan earlier this year.

CRICKET



AWARD: Matt Carley gets prize from John Shepherd

Kent cricket legends in visit to Deal Vics

TWO Kent cricket legends in Derek Underwood and John Shepherd were guests of honour at Deal Victoria and Barns Close Cricket Club's annual players' dinner last week.

They paid tribute to Fred Wilson, for whom this year will be his 50th as Deal Vics' club secretary.

Former England spinner Underwood, the president of MCC last year, said: "Fred has been a wonderful servant to this cricket club, and I think he must start thinking about Deal Vics from the moment he wakes up in the morning."

Some of the players who helped Vics to their double promotion success received individual awards on Friday. The Saturday first-team batting award went to Matt Carley and Scott McNamara won the bowling prize. The Saturday second-team batting award winner was Frank Packman, with Ian Bone taking the bowling award.

Andy Furness claimed the Sunday 1st XI batting award and Graham McNamara was the top bowler. The Sunday second-team batting and bowling awards both went to Ian Bone.

Robbie Brannan won the Midweek XI batting award and the bowling trophy went to Graham McNamara. The Terri Shepherd Memorial Trophy for services to the club was awarded to Debbie Nightingale.

Deal Vics first-team will begin their first season in the Kent League at home to Blackheath 3rds on Saturday, May 8.

RUGBY

Stones end in victory

Hastings & Bexhill 24 Folkestone 46

FOLKESTONE'S good end of season form continued as they rattled off their third successive win at struggling Hastings & Bexhill.

The Stones made a blistering start and were 24-0 up inside 20 minutes thanks to tries from Richard Lama, Dan Sangiuseppe and two from John Eustace.

Jack McMurray added another before half-time, while further scores after the break from Adam Tolman and Will Turner saw off a spirited fight-back from the home side.

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Mark Stimson gives his thoughts on Gills' crucial clash against Brighton last night

LEAGUE TABLE

(Not including midweek games)

BLUE SQUARE SOUTH

	P	W	D	L	Gd	Pt
1 Newport County	40	30	7	3	+63	97
2 Dover Athletic	40	22	8	10	+22	74
3 Chelmsford City	39	21	9	9	+17	72
4 Braintree Town	40	17	6	17	+15	68
5 Bath City	39	18	11	10	+18	65
6 Staines Town	39	17	12	10	+17	63
7 Woking	39	18	9	12	+7	63
8 Havant & Waterlooville	39	16	14	9	+10	62
9 Thurrock	39	16	13	10	+14	61
10 Welling United	40	17	8	15	+14	59
11 Eastleigh	39	16	8	15	+6	56
12 St Albans City	39	15	8	16	-9	53
13 Bromley	40	14	10	16	+2	52
14 Basingstoke Town	40	13	9	18	-18	48
15 Maidenhed United	38	11	12	15	-3	45
16 Hampton & Richmond Boro	38	12	9	17	-11	45
17 Dorchester Town	39	12	9	18	-13	45
18 Bishop's Cleeve	40	11	10	19	-14	43
19 Worcester City	40	9	10	21	-14	37
20 Lewes	38	7	14	17	-19	35
R Weston-super-Mare	39	5	8	26	-35	23
R Weymouth	40	4	7	29	-69	19

RYMAN DIVISION ONE SOUTH

1 Croydon Athletic	38	25	6	7	+49	81
2 Folkestone Invicta (-10)	37	27	6	4	+32	77
3 Worthing	38	22	12	4	+26	76
4 Leatherhead	38	21	6	11	+32	69
5 Godalming Town (-3)	36	22	4	10	+23	67
6 Fleet Town	38	20	6	12	+20	66
7 Burgess Hill Town	36	17	9	10	+13	60
8 Walton & Hersham	38	17	7	14	+5	58
9 Sittingbourne	36	17	6	13	+18	57
10 Horsham YMCA	40	14	14	12	+6	56
11 Metropolitan Police	38	15	9	14	+9	54
12 Ramsgate	39	13	13	13	-3	52
13 Corinthian-Casuals	39	16	3	20	-11	51
14 Whyteleafe	39	14	6	19	+1	48
15 Dulwich Hamlet	39	12	11	16	-10	47
16 Merstham	40	12	11	17	-16	47
17 Chatham Town	40	13	4	23	-22	43
18 Clapton	39	9	9	21	-23	36
19 Ashford Town	37	8	11	18	-34	35
20 Walton Casuals	40	8	8	24	-25	32
21 Whitstable Town	37	10	2	25	-48	32
22 Eastbourne Town	40	6	11	23	-42	29

KENT LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION

1 Faversham Town	27	21	2	4	+46	65
2 Herne Bay	26	18	2	6	+26	58
3 Beckenham Town	27	15	5	7	+21	50
4 Greenwiche Borough	27	12	8	7	+10	44
5 Hythe Town	26	11	8	7	+23	41
6 Sevenoaks Town	25	12	4	9	+8	40
7 Deal Town	27	11	6	10	-5	39
8 Erith Town	26	10	7	9	+7	37
9 Norton Sports	26	9	6	11	-5	33
10 Erith & Belvedere	27	9	6	12	-14	33
11 Tunbridge Wells	26	8	8	11	-4	32
12 Holmstead	26	9	3	14	0	30
13 Corinthian	28	8	3	17	-28	27
14 Fisher	25	7	5	13	-19	26
15 Sporting Bengal United	29	7	4	18	-50	25
16 Lordswood	27	3	9	15	-21	18

FIXTURES (Thursday): Ryman Division One South: Walton & Hersham v Folkestone Invicta; (Saturday): Blue Square South: Newport County v Dover Athletic; Ryman Division One South: Ramsgate v Folkestone Invicta; Kent League Premier Division: Deal Town v Beckenham Town; Lordswood v Hythe Town

Defensive mix-up costs Hythe in duel with rivals

FOOTBALL

Hythe Town 0 Herne Bay 2

HYTHE Town were unable to spoil Herne Bay's Kent League title hopes as they went down to a Stuart King brace on Saturday.

After being drawn against each other in the FA Vase and Kent League Cup, last weekend's game was the fifth meeting of the season between the two clubs. In the reverse fixture last month two goals in the dying minutes saw Hythe come from behind to beat Bay and dent their championship aspirations, but the visitors had their revenge on Saturday.

The home side were on the back foot early on as Bay made a fast start. Town looked to have weathered the storm but the pressure eventually told as the breakthrough came 12 minutes before the break. A long ball was flicked on for Byron Walker, whose path to goal was blocked, but the ball broke kindly for King to break through and steer the ball home.

The advantage was doubled five minutes into the second-half, but again it had an element of misfortune for the hosts. An innocuous through ball led to a defensive mix-up which resulted in a hurried clearance hitting King, who had the simplest of tasks to tap into an empty net.

Hythe are next in action this Saturday, when they visit the division's basement side, Lordswood. It is the start of four games in ten days to finish the season, with a top-four finish on the cards if Hythe can end the campaign on a high note.



CHALLENGE: Hythe's Sam Marsh, in red, on Saturday

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